

re marketing bill

Mr. Guthrie re Egg Grading (Live Stock and
Live Stock Products Act 1923) - Hansard, June 8, 1926
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*Guthrie moved an amendment on going into supply
to discuss Egg Grading.*

Mr. Guthrie:

I submit, Mr. Speaker, that the whole system
is wrong. Surely we can continue the open market system.
If you are going to grade eggs, why not grade other
produce? Why not grade butter, fruit, potatoes and
other vegetables that are brought on the market? Why
compel the farmers to undergo this grading system only
in regard to their eggs? I say, Mr. Speaker, that it
is an imposition upon the farmers of this country, and
more particularly it is an imposition on the wives of
the farmers. No injustice has been done in the past
under the old system. Both purchaser and vendor have
been satisfied with the old open market system, where
the good old doctrine of "Caveat Emptor" - let the
buyer beware - prevailed. Under that system the
purchaser got the eggs he bargained for, and the vendor
was satisfied with the manner in which his eggs were
sold. But these regulations are carrying this paternal
idea in government to an excess.

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